

AIRPLANES LED ATTACK BY BIG BRITISH FORCE ON IRISH AT MACROOM

Hundreds of Reinforcements Brought Up After Smaller Party of Auxiliary Police, Travelling in Lorries, Was Ambushed By Party of 300 Irish.

MAJOR FELL IN THE FIRST ONSLAUGHT

Casualties of the Ambushing Party Crown Forces Were Unable to Recover Their Wounded—Battle Was Fought Between Macroom and Ballyvourney.

Macroom, Ireland, Feb. 25.—Fifty auxiliary police, traveling in lorries, were ambushed between this village and Ballyvourney to-day by 300 men. The ambushing party opened fire from the cover of rocks along the road, killing one policeman and wounding six.

The battle lasted two hours. Then the military withdrew, leaving the attacking party still in possession of its position.

Hundreds of reserves were then rushed up by the military from neighboring barracks, and the attack was renewed with the assistance of battle airplanes.

In the first assault the major commanding the crown forces was killed and seven of his men were wounded, one fatally. The casualties of the ambushing party were not learned. The crown forces were unable to recover their wounded.

YOUNG GIRLS AID IN AMERICANIZATION

Ten Thousand of Them Are Engaged in Teaching the Immigrants in New York.

New York, Feb. 25.—The scriptural dictum that "a little child shall lead them" is being applied ten thousand fold in Americanization of New York's east side immigrants.

Its practical demonstration was described to-day by Harry H. Schliet, head of the commission on immigrant aid at Ellis island, who has conceived a unique plan to protect newcomers from exploitation by their unscrupulous predecessors and radicals.

Through the downtown chamber of commerce, membership of which is limited to foreign-born merchants, bankers and other business men who have gained wealth in this country, Mr. Schliet has developed the idea of placing each immigrant family—fresh from the bewildering of official red tape and the fantastic New York skyline—in the custody of an American, or Americanized, school girl. Ten thousand of such girls are spending their evenings and spare hours infusing their parents with American ideas and the rudiments of the English language.

Stimulated not only by intimate interest in the quaint, dejected and often victimized and disillusioned seekers for a better life, but also by rewards from the chamber of commerce for meritorious results, these girls can be seen every evening, by dim lights, spelling out, read and other simple words to captured old patriarchs, scarcely aware that they are transplanted in a strange and yet not dissimilar country from that whence they came at such a sacrifice.

But before I tell you in detail of this Americanization work and its results, I interpose Mr. Schliet, "let me tell you something of why they are dejected, disillusioned and why they may easily fall prey to radicalism."

He then told of how he was aroused to the necessity for this work by some poignant experience he had going through Ellis island disguised as an immigrant, just to learn something of the circumstances under which thousands upon thousands of them from their homes, sacrificing everything they own, in order to come to America, that magic land pictured to them in rosy hues by exploiters more interested in stuffing their pockets with gold than in humanitarian motives.

Understanding their own language, Mr. Schliet mingled with the immigrants throughout their trials at admission and learned, he said, that thousands had been induced to migrate by members of an organization which has swindled them of everything they owned before taking them on ship-board.

Since he has been on the island, Mr. Schliet said he had investigated these organizations, which he characterized as "professional swindlers," and has caused the indictment of several individuals, some of whom have fled the country and the case of some are still pending.

TURKS ACCEPT ALLIES' PLAN

But Greece Is Hesitant About Agreeing to Proposal

FOR MEDIATION IN THE NEAR EAST

But Greek Premier Agreed to Send Proposal to Athens

London, Feb. 25 (By the Associated Press).—The British delegations to the Near East conference here accepted to-day the proffered arbitration of the supreme council as between Turkey and Greece in determining the status of Smyrna and Thrace.

They announced they were agreeable to the suggestion of the allied governments that a commission of inquiry be appointed to verify the statistics of population of the districts in question. Premier Kalligeropoulos of Greece appeared before the conference and expressed surprise that the allies should suggest a commission of inquiry and a cessation of hostilities, which was one of the conditions of the offer. He said it would be a task of the greatest difficulty for the Greek government to arrest the victorious army in its advance. Nevertheless he would telegraph the government in Athens and submit the proposals of the allies.

MONTPELIER

Woodmen Entertained Gov. Hartness, A Fellow-Member.

Montpelier camp, Modern Woodmen of America, entertained in honor of Governor James Hartness, Thursday evening, the arrangements being in charge of G. F. Baldwin, state deputy, while the committee on reception were State Auditor Benjamin Gates, Insurance Inspector J. G. Brown and L. A. Kelly. The committee of local arrangements were composed of P. S. Chennette, consul, and H. W. Park, clerk of the camp. Following an entertainment in the main hall a luncheon was served. The affair was attended by some 25 members of the legislature. The hall was well filled. Several members of the legislature were present.

Mr. Baldwin, introduced Governor Hartness as the first speaker. He is a member of the camp in Springfield. He spoke of the joy of the occasion and said the work which has been done in Vermont is due to the spirit of Mr. Baldwin. He then said he was in favor of boosting a good cause along and by boosting this organization they are helping Vermont and the Woodmen. Just one year ago last night said Governor Hartness, he decided to enter politics, that he had known nothing of it until that time. He could not say in what room it was in the State House but knew the decision was reached in that building and they are announcing arranged there. He has enjoyed a year of good time and asked others to come into politics as the water was fine. He told the members they are doing themselves a service as well as their families by keeping up live camps of the organization. J. G. Brown spoke upon the insurance matters, telling the members the welfare of their organization as shown by their last report and he understood that 1920 would be a better one. William Thynne of Burlington, district deputy, spoke upon the work which the Burlington camp is doing and the record that Mr. Baldwin has made. Nat. Clark, consul of Barre camp, told the members how the camp in that city has picked up this year, 21 persons having been initiated in the first two months and more are on the way. Henry Salls, consul of Burlington camp, also spoke briefly. Mr. Baldwin, following the dinner, presided at the piano. The words in these songs are set to popular music. Movies of the Woodmen sanatorium were shown by Mr. Baldwin. Other speakers were Fred L. Davis, representative from Hartford, Dr. LeBouffard, representative from La Motte, Samuel Chennette of Montpelier.

Charles E. Jerd, many years a resident of Montpelier, died at his home shortly after 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, following a day's illness of acute indigestion. He was taken ill after dinner Wednesday and continually grew worse in spite of efforts of three physicians, who were called in the case. Mr. Jerd was born in Brookfield, Jan. 28, 1868, and passed his early life in the western part of the town. He attended the common schools and then moved to Barre. He was married to Miss Josie Keyes of Braintree in 1888. After a short residence in Barre, he came to Montpelier and has followed the stonemason work for several years, being employed at the Bonanzani as a polisher, being recognized as one of the best in this section. He served several years as a special policeman in Montpelier and was a member of the Eagles. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Percy and Homer; two daughters, Miss Lina Jerd and Mrs. Florence Bonanzani, and two sisters. The body will be taken to Randolph to-morrow morning.

The March term of Washington

county court will convene at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, March 8. The jury calendar is the lightest that it has been in years. At present there are but nine cases on it. Probably there will be a few added to it. The court calendar is also light. The jury cases set for trial are Spaulding vs. the Mutual Life of New York; N. Pelaggi and Co. vs. National Wrapping Machine Co.; Waldris Bingham vs. A. Villa; Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co. vs. Herbert Rydman; W. H. Weston vs. A. A. Boyer; H. W. McAllister vs. John Benjamin; Archie Burton et al. vs. James and Lena Boush; W. H. Child vs. estate of Almer C. Child.

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LABOR DIVIDED OVER TELEGRAM

Which Was Sent to Harding Urging the Appointment to Labor Portfolios

SOME OF DELEGATES DID NOT SIGN IT

Mine Workers and Longshoremen Had Candidates of Their Own

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Disagreement among representatives of the national and international unions attending the conference at the American Federation of Labor regarding the telegram sent yesterday to President-elect Harding asking him to appoint a "recognized representative of organized labor" as secretary of labor, was revealed to-day.

Representatives of the United Mine Workers, the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and the Seamen's union spoke in opposition to the message. The names of the representatives of the mine workers and the seamen's union did not appear on the list of signers of the telegram as made public here.

Michael Tighe of Pittsburgh, president of the Amalgamated, is understood to have suggested that the message be so worded that it would not be construed as opposing James J. Davis of Pittsburgh, tentatively selected as secretary of labor.

William Green, secretary of the mine workers, did not give approval for his organization which has a candidate for the secretaryship in Percy Teltow of Ohio. Opposition was expressed to the wording of the message by Andrew Furuseth, president of the Seamen's union, who argued that it might be accepted as an endorsement of a labor leader regarded by him as hostile to the interests of his organization.

The International Longshoremen's union, whose representative signed the telegram, has a candidate for the cabinet in T. V. O'Connor, president of the union.

DYNAMITE MAY HAVE BEEN PUT IN ENGINE

Four Men Were Killed By Explosion Which Wrecked Lehigh Valley Locomotive at Jersey City.

Jersey City, Feb. 25.—An investigation was begun to-day into the explosion which late last night wrecked a Lehigh Valley railroad switch engine and caused the death of its crew of four men.

The first theory that the explosion was due to a defective boiler was scouted by railroad men who viewed the wreck. They said it might have been caused by the placing of dynamite in the coal tender, adding that many of the employees who went on strike last summer had not been permitted to return to their jobs.

CASE TWICE IN COURT

Arguments in It Completed and Supreme Court Adjourned.

The adjournment of the February term of Vermont supreme court occurred Friday afternoon, following the completion of the arguments in the case of Jennie F. Symes vs. Ray Fletcher. This case has been twice in supreme court. The verdict in the lower court was for the plaintiff in the sum of \$1,325, to which the defendant took exceptions. The case is the result of a note held by the plaintiff against the defendant.

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HOOVER'S "YES" SIGNIFICANT

Stipulations Almost Led to Cancellation of Appointment

HOOVER LAID DOWN EXTENSIVE PLAN

Harding Surprised That Hoover Made Announcement of Acceptance

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 25.—President-elect Harding's selection of Herbert Hoover to be secretary of commerce was confirmed by Mr. Harding to-day after a series of developments that at one time seemed likely to lead to cancellation of the appointment.

Mr. Harding announced that he had found himself in "perfect accord" with the policies urged by Mr. Hoover as a condition of his entering the cabinet and that the entire incident had been closed with a definite acceptance from the former food administrator.

At the same time the president-elect virtually confirmed also the selection of Henry Wallace of Iowa to be secretary of agriculture. The selection of Mr. Wallace has been well known for some time although previously Mr. Harding had declined to discuss it.

Mr. Harding broke his silence regarding Mr. Hoover after repeated efforts had been made without result to secure confirmation of the statement issued by the former food administrator in New York last night. No formal statement was issued here. Mr. Harding simply said that the whole question has been closed satisfactorily.

Asked about the conditions laid down by Mr. Hoover, which included endorsement by Mr. Harding of a definite policy for reorganizing the commerce department, the president-elect replied: "We are in perfect accord about what the department ought to be made. I wouldn't want Mr. Hoover or any other secretary to take a department unless he intended to do things with it."

He added that he saw nothing out of the ordinary about the case except the publicity given it. Every other prospective cabinet appointee, he said, had discussed with him the matter of permanent department policies.

"Has any other laid down stipulations as Mr. Hoover has?" he was asked. "I don't like the form of your question," was the reply. "I wouldn't call them stipulations."

In the course of his comment Mr. Harding also expressed surprise that Mr. Hoover had made a statement on the subject in New York last night. The president-elect said he had intended to announce the appointment himself to-day but that his prospective secretary had acted entirely within his privileges in taking the initiative.

The reference to Mr. Wallace's appointment came in reply to a chance question relative to an article the Iowa editor recently published on policies he might pursue as secretary of agriculture.

"Unless there shall be some 'looked for development,'" was Mr. Harding's only comment. "I have a strong suspicion that Mr. Wallace will be serving in that capacity."

HARDING FAVORS PRESENT NAVY PLAN

Does Not Want Material Reduction in the Program As at Present Arranged.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25. (By the Associated Press).—President-elect Harding sent word to-day to Senate Republican leaders that he desired adequate appropriations for the navy and favored continuing the present building program without material reduction.

With this definite statement of what was regarded as the new administration's naval policy, Senate Republican leaders declared they would insist upon Senate increases over the House totals in the naval appropriations bill even at the risk of defeating the bill at this session.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Stephen Dineen, an office employee of the Calder and Richardson company, renewed acquaintances in Waterbury yesterday.

The game which was to have been played to-night in the Goddard gymnasium between Goddard and Fitchburg Normal of Fitchburg, Mass. The team that never suffered defeat in three years, has been cancelled. Fitchburg had planned a trip into northern New England, but when Montpelier seminary cancelled the game to have been played at Montpelier, the Fitchburg management felt compelled to call off the game scheduled with Goddard. On Wednesday in the seminary gym, the Goddard women faculty got even with the Goddard girls by trimming them up to the time of 28 to 19. A few weeks ago the girls scored a defeat over the faculty and since then the women have been waiting for an opportunity to square things up. Being unable to fill out a team with faculty women, one of the real features of the game was the presence of a made character in the personnel of the faculty line-up. Miss Flanagan at forward played a hard game for the faculty.

CHAIRS TEETER; BUTTONS HOP

Tableware and Stovewood Shoot Through Windows Without Warning

GENERAL HIGH JINKS CAUSE ASTONISHMENT

Selectman of Londonderry, N. H., Investigate Strange Phenomena

Londonderry, N. H., Feb. 25.—Mysterious happenings at the home of Mrs. Sedley Low, where chairs and heavier pieces of furniture are said to perform sudden gyrations, buttons take flight from a workbasket into the air, and tableware and stovewood shot through windows without warning, were the subject of personal investigation to-day by First Selectman Edward E. Kent. A psychic research society also interested itself in the reports of the phenomena and arranged to send one of its investigators here.

The occurrences as reported by Mrs. Lord, who is an aged woman, her son, Edward, and their neighbors have stirred the town to such an extent that the selectman felt he ought to obtain some first-hand information if possible. Since the alleged peculiar manifestations began early in the week, the lives of Mrs. Low have been besieged by curious persons and self-appointed investigators. Their presence has not been entirely convenient for the family, as they have insisted on exploring every corner of the house to find the cause of the phenomena. To-day they were confronted with a sign on the door saying, "Keep Away."

Selectman Kent said he had talked with Mrs. Low and her son and also with other persons who said they had personally seen chairs teetering above, heavy bureaus tipped over and things flying through the air, and that he was loath to deny that the things they described. He said his visit of inspection was intended in a purely friendly attitude with some hope that he might be able to get an explanation of the strange happenings.

The old house on High Range, which has been the Low homestead for about 30 years has been occupied recently by Mrs. Low, who has passed the three-score mark in years; her son, Herbert, a grandson, nine years of age, and the family cat. When Mrs. Low reported the phenomena to her son it was thought the boy might have been playing pranks, but it was found subsequently the mysterious happenings occurred at times that he could have had no hand in them.

HARTNESS GOES TO BOSTON To Attend Conference of New England Governors.

Governor Hartness, accompanied by Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs Julius A. Wilcox and Adjutant General H. T. Johnson, left Friday noon for Boston to attend a conference of New England governors.

TALK OF THE TOWN

William Mansfield, who has been quarantined at his home in Montpelier for the past month with scarlet fever, has resumed his duties as carpenter at the Presby-Leland Co. on Willey street.

R. W. Tracy of 19 Highland avenue, together with his family, left for Concord, N. H., to make their home, Mr. Tracy contemplating entering business with a granite manufacturing firm there soon.

For the benefit of the Barre City hospital, Mrs. D. C. Jarvis and Mrs. Wilbur Mover gave a card party at the Jarvis home on Orange street yesterday afternoon from 2:30 until 5 o'clock. Eleven tables were required to accommodate the guests. A sum of \$11 was realized by the ladies for their efforts.

"Jimmy" Frutze, the former Barre light, New England lightweight champion, will have the time of his life defending his title next Monday night in the Grand opera house at Boston if one can believe the statements published by the official "doctors" in the Boston daily papers these days. "Jimmy" will be matched against Johnnie Clifton, formerly of New York and now of Boston. Inasmuch as Clifton is now a resident of Boston, the bout under the auspices of the Caribbe A. C. will be a title affair. Clifton has quite a reputation as a fighter, and many of the fans seem to believe that he has the "goods" and will beat Frutze.

Last evening at the American Legion clubhouse a large number of ex-service men, Spanish-American as well as World war veterans, and many of them from East Barre and the "hill" district, enjoyed the pleasure of open house night and a smoker. The feature of the evening was between Roy Curtis, the "Chocolate Kid," in fistic circles, and Guido Valisi, the "Fighting Italian," from the north end of Barre, who gave a fast four-round exhibition. Other contestants were Ralph Oliver against Alex. Paul and Arthur Solberg with Robert Mackie. Following the bouts the music of piano and banjos, solo by George Stearns and Mason Pierce, and Scottish songs and humor by James Booth started an evening of singing and jollity. Shortly after refreshments were served it was announced that a dance would be held for club members and their partners next Thursday evening, a three-piece orchestra having been engaged for the evening.

TROLLEY RELIEF BILLS KILLED

Vermont Senate Rejected Bill Exempting Companies From Street Outlay

ALSO THE MEASURE TO REDUCE SERVICE

Both Bills Had Been Reported Favorably But Lost By Big Votes

The Vermont Senate torpedoed without warning this morning the two bills relating to street railways, H. 21, providing that street railway corporations may be relieved from obligations relating to street improvement when the municipality so votes; and S. 26, enabling the public service commission to authorize companies operating street railways to discontinue service thereon or dispose of the property thereof. Both of these bills were reported favorably, but were rejected by large votes, the former after much debate by a yeas and nay vote of 22 to 4, and the latter without debate and by a viva voce vote.

Benington and Rutland county senators were successful in having H. 21, refused a third reading this morning. Those voting for the bill being Senators Cobb, Sherburne, Vilas and Williams. Senators Bottum, Bryant, Montgomery and Slayton were absent when the vote was taken.

Senator Bottum started the attack on the bill and read a communication from the citizens of Benington, opposing its passage. Senator Kingsley said that Rutland grants the street railway a franchise and expects service in return, but often does not get it. He objected to the bill also on the ground that it brings street railways into politics.

Sensors Sherburne and Vilas defended the bill. Senator Sherburne said that only 71 people were present at the village meeting in Benington when the resolutions referred to by Senator Bottum were adopted.

"As good an authority as Lieutenant-Governor Frank E. Howe said that those who appeared against this bill did not represent the sentiment of the village of Benington," declared Senator Sherburne. He said that this is merely an enabling act, that only one of the several electric railways in the state is solvent, and that he considered this a fair proposition.

"We haven't gotten over the idea of soaking the street railways because they are corporations," he declared. "The devil may be pretty black but he should be given a square deal."

Senator Kingsley answered Senator Sherburne, declaring that the charters were given to the street railways on their own terms.

"Now if these railroad companies have fallen down," he said, "it is due to one of two things, either gross mismanagement, or that they have become one of interlocking corporations which eat up the overhead in paying dividends."

Senator Vilas said he was not a corporation lawyer, but he considered it fair that municipalities should be allowed to exempt any corporation from certain things. He called this merely a self government. He said that the reason that most street railways in Vermont have not paid is because there are not enough people to ride on the cars. Senator Carpenter called for the yeas and nays.

State Teachers' College Bill.

The state teachers' college measure (S. 44) reported favorably this morning from the committee on education and educational institutions, was laid on the table and made a special order for next Tuesday.

The Senate took care of quite a bit of business and adjourned just before noon until next Wednesday evening, as provided by the March meeting adjournment resolution.

Vail School Discontinuance.

Mr. Dyer of Salisbury introduced in the House this morning a joint resolution providing for the discontinuance of the Vail school. It was laid on the table pending action upon legislation regarding this school now before the legislature.

Messrs. Pollard of Cavendish, Bradley of Swanton and Barber of Brattleboro made a sharp attack on H. 249, to raise the salary of the bank commissioner to \$5,000, and on motion of Mr. Barber, the bill was continued to the committee on ways and means.

The house passed 14 bills, advanced seven to a third reading, including the grocery bill, H. 28, and killed five bills of routine character.

Both houses adjourned until Wednesday evening, March 2, until 8 o'clock in the evening. Mileage allowance one way at 10 cents a mile was agreed upon.

Bills Introduced in the House.

House 355. Reported by the committee on commerce and labor. To amend section 5804 of the general laws relating to examination by a physician in workmen's compensation cases. Providing that the commissioner may call upon the state pathologist to supply a physician for the purpose of a special medical examination in the commissioner's department work.

House 356. Reported by the committee on municipal corporations. To amend section 4106 of the general laws

relating to qualification of voters in village meetings.

House 357. Reported by the committee on state and court expenses. To amend section 1403 of the general laws as announced by No. 242 of the acts of 1919, relating to the salaries of county clerks. Increasing each of them to some extent.

House 358. Reported by the committee on education. To amend section 1332 of the general laws relating to the rate of school tax. Increasing the minimum from 40 cents to 75 cents on a dollar of the grand list.

House 359. Reported by the committee on agriculture. To amend sections 492, 501 and 502 of the general laws as amended and section 504 of the general laws relating to the inspection of diseased cattle. An enforcement measure for protection against the importation of diseased cattle, providing \$1500 annually for this purpose from his annual appropriation.

House 360. Reported by the committee on banking and insurance. Enabling minors to contract for and surrender insurance policies.

Legislative Notes.

About 100 members of the legislature of 1910, with Speaker Frank E. Howe of Bennington presiding, gathered in the reception room for a reunion last night, after adjournment of the Montpelier house for a banquet. Rev. J. Wesley Miller of Bethel offered prayer at the opening of the reunion. Charles A. Plumley of Northfield, clerk of the House in 1910, called the roll. It was ascertained that 57 of the members are deceased. Among the speakers in the reception room were: Lieut. Gov. (now Judge) Leighton P. Slack of St. Johnsbury, Frank M. Cory of Montpelier, Judge Edwin O. Carll of Canaan and Howard E. Shaw of Stowe. At the banquet, with Speaker Howe presiding as toastmaster, the speakers included Governor James Hartness, Lieutenant Governor Abraham W. Foster, Senator W. N. Bryant of Ludlow (a member of the House in 1910), John E. Maun of St. Albans, Howard L. Hindley of Rutland, Senator Harry Daniels of East Montpelier, ex-Attorney General John G. Sargent of Ludlow, Speaker Franklin S. Billings (member from Woodstock in 1910), and others.

Bills Approved.

Governor Hartness has approved: H. 156. An act to amend sections 5453 and 5459 of the general laws, relating to licensed investment companies.

H. 234. An act fixing the date of the annual meeting of the city of St. Albans for the year 1921.

H. 37. An act to establish the commission on foreign and domestic commerce.

H. 221. An act fixing the salary of the chaplains of the House of Representatives and the Senate and providing for the payment thereof.

H. 30. An act to amend section 3722 of the general laws as amended by No. 122 of the acts of 1919, relating to the maintenance fund; increasing the amount to be expended in the maintenance of highways other than state roads.

H. 45. An act to amend section 4591 of the general laws as amended by section 98 of No. 53 of the acts of 1919, relating to the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. DeAlton Jarvis and son, George, of Burlington, and the guests of Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Jarvis at their home on Orange street.

Thomas Wagner of Burlington, superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company in northern Vermont, visited the local branch office to-day.

The Victoria club of Barre meets the Apollo club of Montpelier in their second tournament of pool, billiards and duplicate whist, at the Apollo club rooms in Montpelier to-night.

Miss Yvonne Fournier, who has been visiting friends and relatives here for the last two weeks, left this morning for Berlin, N. H., where she will visit for a few days before returning to her employment in Lewiston, Me.

Walter Tobin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tobin of Academy street, arrived in the city last evening from Boston, where last Friday he received a diploma graduating him from a two-year course in business administration. Mr. Tobin is stopping at his home for the present.

Miss Mildred McGue returned to her home in the Morse building last evening and to-day resumed duties at the office of the Oldsmobile Company of Vermont, after a two weeks' vacation, spent at the Dartmouth winter carnival and with her aunt, Miss Annie McGue, in Boston.

The regular meeting of the Cobble Hill grange, No. 453, will be held in the grange hall March 1. Immediately following meeting there will be a program, consisting of a piano solo reading, and views of France before and after the destructive work of the World war, interspersed with music; also life size statue of the trial, crucifixion, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ. The program will be public.

The large tenement house at 9 South Main street, owned by H. J. Slayton, was threatened with fire this morning when a roaring chimney fire became evident, and which sent several large sparks flying about with the result that shingles in two places began to burn. The fire department extinguished the fire by using two hand chemicals tanks, but the men were compelled to get the hook and ladder apparatus out to reach the high roof and the burning shingles. The fire and the burning shingles did not cause any damage of any consequence occurred.

The Central cafe on Pearl street was closed by Mrs. C. P. Whitcomb, who for the past year had conducted the restaurant. The fixtures and furnishings of the establishment were sold to Aaron Richardson, janitor of the Central house, the Worthen building and the old Miles block, who intends to reopen the restaurant next Monday, providing the few repairs and one or two improvements can be completed in that time. Mr. Richardson will continue his janitor work and his wife manage the restaurant, which is to be conducted along lines similar to those of Mrs. Whitcomb.

House 356. Reported by the committee on municipal corporations. To amend section 4106 of the general laws

DIRECT STATE TAX OF 20 CTS.

Recommended By Ways and Means Committee at Montpelier

IS JUST ONE-HALF THE PRESENT TAX

But With That There Would Be Deficit of \$700,000 If Present Bills Pass

A direct state tax of 20 cents was recommended by the House ways and means committee at the legislature in Montpelier. Mr. Dyer of Salisbury, representative for the committee, submitted a statement showing how, with the present tax and other appropriation bills likely to pass, such a tax was advisable. This proposed tax of 20 cents is one-half the amount recently assessed.

The details of the statement, as presented by Mr. Dyer, are as follows: Budget